

My dear Friend Garrison

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What think you all about the Nat. Convention? We have rec'd this A.M. from Hathaway & Jackson, the proceedings of the Palmyra meeting - a 2nd Letter - they adj'd to meet at Northville Cayuga Co. on the 24<sup>th</sup>. They had a glorious meeting - & passed a Res<sup>n</sup> in favor of the Call of the Western Board for a Nat. Con<sup>n</sup>. It is of some moment, I believe that we hold it. & it w<sup>d</sup> be well if we could do so. before the Annual Meeting, which would be greatly strengthened by the action of such a body. I have thought of this plan - that the Friday next preceding the Annual Meeting, be the time, & that Pockepsie (5 hours distant from N. York) be the place. The City is a wretched place for such meetings, & whenever we can avoid it, we should. The Convention w<sup>d</sup> have Friday & Saturday to attend to business, & the members get to N. York on Monday. Many would attend both, who would not attend either perhaps, if held at distant points, & at different seasons. If we sound the "tocsin", & beat up, on the heel of these West<sup>n</sup> N. York proceedings, we shall get a tremendous meeting at Pockepsie - & a tremendous annual meeting too. The enthusiasm now prevailing, & strong in the ascendant, in this State, is too good a Capital not to be invested immediately.



What if we delay? In the mean time the 3rd party conventions will assemble & block up our progress, by prepossessing the ground. If we go ahead, as we can, with a strong & long & loud sounding of the tocsin all over the country, we shall prepossess the ground. I can think of no reason why we should not act promptly, & if we put off, we give time to the enemy to drill his raw & faltering troops into regular "bully." We can't settle the elements of ultra abolition without a primary assembly - a National Convention. The Annual Meeting will not suffice. We have our friends discuss the subject all round, & decide forthwith. - Pokipsie is a country city - large enough for accommodation - too small for extortion in fare. - I can think of no place better. - Chas. Burleigh likes the plan I have suggested. So do others.

The N. Y. Young Men's Society is getting sore under the burden of the Emancipator. A lawyer told me judgments were filed without number against Benedict & Leavitt - they are in the bottomless pit of insolvency - & I w<sup>d</sup> not be surprised if the latter would really move, bag & baggage & Eman<sup>r</sup>, to Boston, as is surmised in their notice. Gerrit Smith says the transfer of the Eman<sup>r</sup> was a great outrage - told

\* bring them into harmonious action, I mean



Burling to - not publicly. How Curious that  
he should wish to put powder & fire into the same  
tub, as his late letter proposes. —

met L. Tappan some days since - "Gibbons,  
we shall not interfere with you in holding our  
anniversary - you can take the old tone - we  
think you are entitled to it" - "That's friendly,"  
I replied. "The fighting shall be all on my  
side - my conscience is easy" he continued. to  
which I replied again "you don't fight openly -"  
There's something behind this affected friendliness.  
His character justifies the suspicion. Compounded  
of bigotry, despotism, self conceit.

We have engaged the Tabernacle for  
the afternoon of Tuesday - at 50 dolls - all  
the morning taken at 75 -

Shall we hear from you soon?

With love to all  
thine truly J. Gibbons



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